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Tuition to increase by 6 percent in fall

BY ELLY ROWE
Staff Writer

Tuition is set to increase by six percent for Salisbury University undergraduate students starting fall 2012, an extra \$368 compared to last year.

Salisbury University Budget Officer Alan R. Selser Jr. announced the second annual tuition increase during a meeting held by SU's Student Government Association Sunday evening.

SU is already one of the lowest funded Maryland universities in the system, but due to recent economic circumstances, the university raised tuition in accordance to the

structural adjustment budget. This budget helps to finance changes within the university by making it both affordable for the students and possible for the university itself.

"\$368 a year is not a huge amount by any stretch, but by socio-economic class for students trying to make ends meet, we are trying to balance access and affordability with a quality environment," Selser said.

Some students argue that the in-state tuition increase at SU may not sound like much annually, but will have an effect on them monthly, after graduation when it comes time to pay back loans. Nikki Harding, a 19-year-old Maryland native and sophomore at SU, is worried.

"My parents handle my loans now, but eventually I will have to pay them back, and the whole reason I came to Salisbury was because of the affordability aspect. \$368 a year may not sound like a lot, but every little bit adds up and what if the tuition continues to rise after this year? Then what do I do?" Harding said.

Brian Brusoe, a 22-year-old business administration major and senior at SU, is graduating this spring.

"It won't affect me directly because I'm graduating, but I'm glad I'm graduating when I am because it's already expensive enough to go to a state school during these tough economic times," Brusoe said.

But not all students view the tuition increase with opposition. Some argue that not only does SU already provide more bang for their buck tuition-wise, but the money being put towards changes made at the university inevitably benefits the student population.

Katherine Mooney, a Student Government Association senator and sophomore at SU, supports the increase.

"It seems like a huge amount right now, but what students don't understand is that our university cannot operate as it does without this money," Mooney said. "Overall, the tuition raise will benefit SU in the future, and I hope that the students can understand and support that."



Justin Odendhal photo

Junior defenseman Kat Gartner (23) guards against a Washington and Lee midfielder in the first half of action during Saturdays 19-3 win over the Generals.

Women's lacrosse caps off historic week

BY ANDREW CANTOR
Staff Writer

The No. 5 Salisbury Women's Lacrosse team (4-0) defeated No. 13 Washington and Lee (3-2) in a convincing fashion, toppling the Generals to win their fourth straight and stay undefeated thus far.

The Sea Gulls led right from the opening faceoff as junior midfielder Kara Koolage marched down the field to score just ten seconds into the game. Just over a minute later, junior midfielder Lauren Feusahrens found the back of the net for her first of four goals on the afternoon.

"It is important for us to come out early and play hard to reach our standard," Feusahrens said.

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SU deemed disability-friendly

SU ranked among the highest for student disability services

BY RAMIN GOUHARI
Staff Writer

When it comes to disability support, Salisbury University has been toward the front of the line, according to recent national recognition and praise.

In February, a nationally-distributed book titled "College Success for Students with Physical Disabilities" labeled SU a college that goes above and beyond for the needs of students with disabilities.

Additionally, US News & World Report ranked SU 38th in the nation for disability-friendly services.

"SU's community is very personable and genuinely cares. Faculty is engaged in the student's lives and goals for the future. Also, there's really a small school feel, which allows us to give our students individualized attention," said Nikki Dryer, disability support services coordinator. "We're very lucky to work on a campus with such a can-do approach. Whether it's making modifications to residence hall rooms or offering more intensive services in the writing center, the can-do attitude is very much contagious. There's really no limit when it comes to serving students with disabilities."

SU provides a variety of services to students with various afflictions from learning disabilities, mobility issues and

visual impairments to chronic medical illnesses and psychiatric disorders.

"I feel like anything I need, they're willing to help me with. It's really a blessing to be at a school where disabilities are not only attended to, but prioritized," said one SU student who has used services and wished to remain anonymous for personal reasons.

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SU 38th in the nation for disability-friendly services.

SU's disability support services personnel pride themselves in their belief that no need is too great or accommodation too difficult. The hands-on approach and small school feel fuel a passionate staff always ready to work tirelessly in meeting the needs of SU students.

"It's refreshing to deal with the people who run disability support. I've gotten really close to some of them in the years

I've been here. It almost feels like family, and I know I'll miss them when I graduate," one student said.

The feeling of family extends to the SU staff as well.

"I feel so fortunate to be in this role. I get to know so many of them so well. From before they apply to graduation, I love getting to know the students and their families," Dryer said.

With 260 students who use SU's disability support services, parent transit and handicapped parking seem to be the only aspects of SU that could be improved. Dryer hopes that these issues will be addressed in the future. She knows that many students with disabilities do not require support services but maintains the staff is always here and happy to help.

National recognition for being a disability-friendly school comes as no surprise to the students who have used SU's services.

"I think it's great. They really work hard, and people should know SU is a great place to be for students with disabilities," one student said.

With such an engaged and passionate staff, it is no wonder why SU is quickly rising to the top in the field of disability support services.

Adieu to RSO membership dues

BY JAMES TOWNSEND
News Editor

Members and advisors of Salisbury University's many nationally recognized student organizations recently found themselves the target of a new bill proposed by the Student Government Association, that could potentially disband the organizations from the campus forever.

The bill in question would ban any registered student organization from mandating any form of dues required by membership.

"The purpose of the bill was not to force any NRSOs off campus," said Jessica DiPietro, SGA president. "SU is a university of national distinction, so of course we want nationally recognized organizations to be comfortable here."

The bill was written to ensure that students are not unintentionally excluded from any RSO based solely on their ability to pay membership fees. Undergraduate tuition currently includes a Student Activities fee, which the SGA claims, is all that should be required.

Currently, there are ten NRSOs that will be affected by the bill. Many of these organizations will be unable to maintain national recognition by their inability to collect membership dues, and will therefore lose affiliation with the national headquarters.

"NRSOs, I believe, are the most recognizable organizations on campus not only while you're in college but also in the outside world when we graduate and are looking for jobs," said Kristen Wolfe, president of the National Broadcasting Society, an NRSO. "When we heard the bill was really going into affect this semester my advisor and I knew we had to do something about it because it is not logical or fair to the NRSOs."

However, their concerns have not gone unheard. After several meetings with NRSO advisors, the SGA decided to hold off on a

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APO sells bracelets for Nicaraguan Youth

BY AMANDA LIBBY
Staff Writer

Members of Salisbury University's Alpha Phi Omega chapter are selling hand-woven bracelets, or Pulseras, this week to support Nicaraguan youths through an organization called the Pulsera Project.

"We hope that this project will help raise awareness about the poor conditions in countries like Nicaragua," said Alyssa Tierney, vice president of service for SU's APO chapter.

But funds are only part of what makes this project worthwhile said cofounder Chris Crane.

"Not all riches have to do with money," Crane said. "Even though Nicaragua is an extremely poor country, we don't go down like we are helping. We are learning from other people and their culture."

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- Alyssa Tierney, vice president of service for SU's APO chapter.

APO decided to support the project after learning about Pulsera through one of 33 participating chapters.

"After hearing about how much of an impact the money we raise has on the kids, we decided we had to be involved," Tierney said.

APO at SU raised \$1,735 last fall through the Pulsera Project to provide street kids in Nicaragua with food and shelter.

"Pulsera" is the Spanish word for bracelet and is the main commodity of a three-year-old non-profit organization started by a group of friends traveling in Nicaragua. So far, the Pulsera Project has been implemented in schools in 38 states.

"A lot of people see international service as people from affluent societies just giving stuff," Crane said. "That's an old school way of looking at it. The new way, and our goal, is not just to help but to encourage teamwork, a cultural exchange, between the Nicaraguan youth who make the pulseras and the U.S. students who work hard to sell them."



Amanda Libby photo

SU students buy hand-woven bracelets crafted by Nicaraguan youth to benefit the Pulsera Project, a three-year-old non-profit organization started by American students vacationing in Central America.

Proceeds from bracelet sales go to a Nicaraguan shelter called "Si a la Vida" in addition to providing food donations, community development and support for individual families. "The Pulsera Project is an exchange of human ideas," Crane said. "The money does not come from U.S. students; it comes from the hard work of Nicaraguan students who make the bracelets."

NRSO's

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second-reading for the bill at Sunday's forum, for further consideration.

"I think the meeting yesterday was eye-opening for the SGA leadership in that they were surprised to hear of the negative impact the legislation would have on students who belong to national clubs," said David Burns, advisor for NBS.

DiPietro believes that a compromise can be achieved so that NRSOs can continue to thrive on campus. For now, the bill has been delayed to consider several of the criticisms it faces from students and faculty alike.

Although their work continues, some NRSOs members are still worried that their structure may still be threatened.

"I do not think the SGA realizes how this will impact these great organizations that are not only at SU, but at colleges all over the nation," Wolfe said. "These organizations are here to help students be a part of something with a focus in their future majors to help them network themselves."

Wolfe claims that if a bill of this nature were to pass, it would not only affect their membership today, but their ability to find employment opportunities in the future.

"As a student, many of my professors

say networking is one of the most important things to help find a great job," Wolfe said. "Why would the SGA go

through with something that could affect how students go about networking themselves?"



CRIME BEAT

3/4/12

12:10 a.m.

DRUG PARAPHERNALIA POSSESSION

A University Police Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle along Camden Ave, near Camden Lot F. During the stop, the officer located drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. The student in possession of the paraphernalia was charged criminally.

3/4/12

1:39 a.m.

LOUD PARTY

The University Police Department was called to assist the Salisbury Police Department with a loud party on Eastern Shore Drive. Two students were arrested.

3/5/12

6:17 p.m. - 6:40 p.m.

THEFT

A complainant reported the theft of an unattended satchel from the Commons dining hall.

3/5/12

10:37 p.m.

DRUG COMPLAINT

Officers responded to Severn Hall for a complaint of marijuana use. Officers recovered drug paraphernalia. A copy of the police report will be forwarded to the office of Student Affairs for review.

3/5/12

8:30 a.m.

THEFT

A complainant reported that her University parking permit was stolen from within her unattended vehicle while it was parked in the Camden Lot E.

3/7/12

9:45 a.m.

THEFT

A complainant reported the theft of an unattended iPod from Maggs Gym.



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Overheard: How will you spend Spring break?

Photos by Amanda Libby



"Working at Dumsers in Ocean City."
- Janet Davidson, freshman



"Road tripping to Disney World."
- Sarah Marcus, freshman



"Hanging with my boyfriend."
- Jewellanna Palencia, freshman



"Celebrating my sisters birthday."
- Karen Suckling, freshman



"Going canoeing with some friends."
- Shane Johnson, freshman

Speed cameras keep an eye on school zones



BY RUSSELL GRETSCH
Staff Writer

Unless you are afraid to travel off Salisbury University's main campus, then you might be aware of increased photo enforcement zones surrounding school zones.

In Wicomico County, speed cameras have been given city approval in Salisbury, Fruitland, Delmar and Princess Anne. The speed cameras can be installed within a half-mile radius of schools to decrease speeding citations in the area for the protection of students.

SU does not fall under the new speed cameras jurisdiction because it is a state institution. However, since we are within a half-mile radius of James M. Bennett High School and James M. Bennett Middle school, there are speed cameras in student housing areas, like the one on South Division Street in front of Old Zoo.

According to the Salisbury Police, since the speed cameras in the school zones have been installed, they have seen a drastic decrease in the number of speeding citations in the "trouble" zones.

Don't worry, the city of Salisbury

is not "out to get us." The cameras are only active Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. all year round.

So when you and your friends are safely coming back from your late night fiasco, that's one less thing you need to worry about.

The first cameras installed were the two on East College Avenue over a year ago. When the cameras first went active there were over 400 citations issued. The maximum fine for a citation from the cameras is \$40.

The county has seen the numbers continually decrease in these areas, as motorists are becoming aware of the cameras' presence when they receive citations in the mail.

When motorists drive by the cameras, a radar sensor detects their speed, and after the vehicle passes the box, a camera takes a picture of the vehicle's rear license plate.

Unlike traditional speed citations where police officers make the stops, the cameras cannot fine the driver specifically. When the individual driver is stopped, they get a larger fine. With the cameras, however, the citation is given to whoever the vehicle is registered under.

If you let your friend borrow your car, you don't even have to be in the vehicle to get a citation if he or she gets caught by the cameras. Wicomico County is currently debating over the installment of more speed cameras in school zones.

Until that happens, just watch your speed.

Popular music sends negative messages



BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Party Girl Problems Columnist

Every savvy partier knows that no gathering is complete without music. But what are the songs and artists we listen to today really promoting?

Celebrities in the music industry have proven to be powerful and effective endorsers of products, corporations and charitable organizations. These people's familiar faces are attention grabbing, and their words are often found to be more trustworthy and legitimate by those who listen to promotions and commercials including them.

While many singer-songwriters have been known to put their fame to good use, a recent example being Lady Gaga's launch of the "Born This Way" organization, a group created to promote acceptance and end teen hate crimes and bullying, some contradict any good intentions with their art form.

And while some fans may admire and become interested in artists and the causes they support, it seems more likely they will listen to what the artists mention in their songs, which receives far more exposure.

A notable example of this occurring is the ever-controversial Kanye West's lyrics in his hit song "Power." Despite being injured in a serious car accident in the fall of

2002, inspiring his first successful single "Through the Wire," West mentions in this later track "I was drinkin' earlier, now I'm drivin'."

While the rapper does not blatantly encourage this behavior to his listeners, a young fan who idolizes West may come under the notion that "If Kanye drinks and drives and is still highly successful, why shouldn't I be able to?"

While this issue goes on to blur the lines of artists' social responsibility to their young fans, many argue that the reason many of these people are successful is because of their creativity, which shouldn't come under limits or scrutiny.

While the rap music genre is typically mentioned in the controversy between artists' creative interests and the results of their messages in society, it does not stand alone as the only culture whose music sometimes promotes questionable lyrics.

Jason Aldean's "Dirt Road Anthem" includes the phrase "Yeah, I'm chillin' on a dirt road, laid back swervin' like I'm George Jones. Smoke rollin' out the window, an ice cold beer sittin' in the console."

Similarly, Aldean does not blatantly state that he is drunk driving. However, country stars, who rely heavily on marketing to their consumer and fan bases that they are "everyday people," may cause some of their fans to believe that drunk driving is an acceptable thing to partake in.

Whether or not you are familiar with these lyrics or are too busy enjoying your good time to pay attention to what the artists are actually saying in their songs, know that phrases intended to add an "honest and artistic" element to a song are not an invitation to partake in the actual activities mentioned.

High gas prices are not Obama's fault



BY STEVEN CENNAME
Staff Writer

Now that gas prices are going up, Republicans are blaming Barack Obama.

There is one thing that everyone should know: the president has no control over gas prices. Obama cannot control gas prices any more than he can control the price of iPhones, skateboards, jeans, or Xbox games.

Republicans did not blame Bush when gas hit \$4 a gallon during his term, but he was a Republican so that apparently absolves him from responsibility. However, when gas gets expensive under Obama, Re-

publicans are immediately blaming him.

Blaming Obama for high gas prices is like blaming your chemistry professor for high tuition.

The president does not set the prices for gasoline, the market does. Obama cannot issue an executive order demanding oil companies to lower the price of gas.

According to a study from the University of Michigan, even if Obama opens up every single potential drilling opportunity in the United States, it would have the effect of lowering gas prices by, at most, a nickel.

Many pundits on the right have placed blame for high gas prices on Obama because he is against construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline, which will be an environmental disaster if it is built.

When the Alaskan pipeline was built a few decades ago, it had no effect on gas prices at all. In fact, prices actually started to increase after it was built because we shipped most of the oil obtained from that pipeline overseas.

Why didn't we keep most of it in

America? So much for ending our dependence on foreign oil.

Higher gas prices are not as much of a political issue as they are an economics issue. The global marketplace sets the price of oil.

If politicians attempt to set a price on oil that goes against the global market, other oil producing countries will be funneled with us because it will force the global market for gasoline out of equilibrium.

Just like any other commodity, gasoline runs on supply and demand. High demand usually results in higher prices. If Obama were to impose a price ceiling on gasoline, there would be inefficiencies in the market because the demand for gasoline would exceed supply.

I know what you are thinking: the demand for gasoline should be pretty constant despite what the price is, since almost everyone drives cars. That's not entirely true.

If there was a long term price ceiling placed on gasoline, we would see more gas guzzling vehicles like the Hummer out on the road again, increasing the demand for gasoline. People would be less concerned

about efficiency and more concerned about luxury.

The depletion of natural resources would increase at an alarming rate, which in turn would cause the supply for oil to be unable to satisfy the demand. And since oil is a nonrenewable resource, when we use up too much of it, there would be complete and utter chaos, to say the least.

According to the Department of Energy, the United States consumes about 20 million barrels of oil per day and 180 million gallons of gasoline per day. Finding alternative sources of energy is imperative if we expect to keep living the way we do now. Also, increasing competition from China and India for oil is also increasing demand and driving up the prices at the pump. China is also using more oil than ever before, which is obviously something Obama has no control over.

The biggest reason gas prices are so high is because we are using oil at such an alarming rate. Clean and alternative energy sources need to be found in order to sustain our way of living in an affordable manner.

MD can't restrict right to bear arms



BY PETE HICKS
Editorial Editor

The state of Maryland used to require its citizens to have a "good and substantial reason" to obtain a

firearm permit. Such a law, while made to improve public safety, directly attacks the constitutional right to bear arms. The highest courts in the state have upheld the requirement of a "good reason," but last week the federal district court ruled the restriction unconstitutional.

"A citizen may not be required to offer a 'good and substantial reason' why he should be permitted to exercise his right," said Judge Benson Everett Legg, who gave the ruling to change the law. "The right's existence is all the reason he needs."

While many see this as an invitation for greater violence, I believe it could lead to a safer world for Mary-

landers. The people who would use guns to commit crime or do harm are going to possess said guns with or without the law's approval. The law truly affects law-abiding people who can now keep a weapon with them for self-defense if they feel it is necessary.

"People have the right to carry a gun for self-defense and don't have to prove that there's a special reason to seek the permit," said Alan Gura, the attorney in charge of the lawsuit to change the permit process. "We're not against the idea of a permit process, but the licensing system has to recognize that there's a right to bear arms."

It isn't like the permit process for firearms went away because the law was overturned. Anyone who wants to legally purchase a gun still has to go through an approval process that is controlled by the state; so don't expect everyone to be running around with a gun in their pocket from now on.

Debate over the law still isn't over. The state of Maryland is planning to appeal the decision made by the U.S. District Court. However, only six states have laws like Maryland when it comes to guns, so the chances of a national court ruling that a specific state can restrict its citizen's constitutional rights is slim.

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(Mis)Adventures in Life and Love

How social media can ruin relationships.

Chapter 5

A girl posts on your Facebook wall. You read, "Hey! Do you want to meet up and study before our test next week?" Your girlfriend sees the post and reads, "Hey! Would you like to have sex with me?" Who knows what this girl's intentions were when she wrote on your wall, but according to your girlfriend she's obviously a whore. This is just one of the many reasons social media is like cancer to a relationship. Can you think of a way it could benefit a relationship? Couples today aren't couples unless they're "Facebook official." I understand that being "Facebook official" is a serious milestone in

the courting process.

What if your girlfriend or boyfriend did not want your relationship to be announced on Facebook? That would be a huge problem, wouldn't it? Think about how dumb that fight would sound 10 years ago. Now, think about how dumb that fight sounds today. (Equally dumb) If you have a Facebook or Twitter while in a relationship, be careful. There are too many ways to get yourself into trouble, and none of them make any real sense. Most of the trouble I've found myself in was based in speculation. Girlfriends have always thought I was up to something and felt the need to investigate conversations I may have had with other girls on

line.

The advent of the smartphone has led to the end of many relationships. A girl can feel as if she is doing her "due diligence" by inspecting your text messages, call history, voicemails, Twitter app and then your Facebook app all in one device. As little as four or five years ago that was unheard of. Sometimes I wish someone had written a handbook for boyfriends that explained how to navigate social media without upsetting your girlfriend. The problem is it would only have one line, "If you want to keep your girlfriend, lose your Facebook."

- GC

Letter to the editor

In response to the Feb. 28 editorial titled "Same-sex 'unions'- not 'marriage'."

Dear Editor:

Maryland legislators had the opportunity numerous times to change the language of the Civil Marriage Protection Act, which was signed in law on March 1, from marriage to civil unions.

The majority of our state legislators were brave and took a tremendous step towards a more equal and just world. I commend the state delegates and senators that did not settle for a separate but equal term, called civil unions.

Making social change is never easy. It takes years. But it would take even longer if we only worked for half of the equality that all human beings deserve. By not allowing all citizens the right to marry we are discriminating against some and grouping them as second class citizens. It would have been easier to keep the status quo in the 1960s and have separate but equal schools and water fountains, but that was not the right thing to do. Civil unions are not equal and we must stand for equality for all.

So what if the origins of the word marriage mean man and woman? The meanings of words change over time and across different generations. Long ago the word faggot meant a bundle of sticks, which was used to burn heretics. Later the word evolved to

mean a male homosexual, and today is used in a negative connotation. Even looking at dictionary.com and

As a progressive society that wants to be fair and just to all we must think outside the box and not get stuck in the past. From words to love, change is inevitable.

Merriam-Webster, today, they define marriage as opposite-sex couples and same-sex couples who marry. As a progressive society that wants to be fair and just to all we must think outside the box and not get stuck in the past. From words to love, change is inevitable. Let's give every human being the right to love, the right to marry and the right to be treated equally.

- Julia Glanz, Graduate Student Council president

A case for Kony 2012



BY JAMES TOWNSEND
News Editor

Unless you're a social media Luddite, you've probably heard the name Kony a lot this week. It's not a new name though; for many central Africans, it has been a name of terror for the past 26 years. Yet, this week the internet blew up with the words "KONY 2012," referring to the documentary and movement set in motion by Invisible Children, a non-profit organization devoted to ending the longest running war in Africa and Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army.

Despite its popularity, the documentary, viewed nearly 70 million times since March 5, has also come under some scrutiny for a variety of reasons.

For the most part, critics have called Invisible Children's antics "shady," misleading and financially irresponsible, based mainly on their fiscal records and their low transparency and accountability scores on Charity Navigator, a non-profit charity evaluator.

They are easy criticisms, as well as important ones to make. No one should ever simply accept what an organization says after a mere 28 minute YouTube video as purely factual information, nor should they assume that the organization conveying the message is as ethical as it presents itself.

Charity is not always synonymous with good. Before supporting any cause, individuals should thoroughly research not only the issue, but the charity as well.

After an earthquake shook Haiti in January 2010, international hip-hop artist and Haitian native Wyclef Jean's organization, the Yéle Haiti Foundation, went viral on Twitter, raising over \$16 million for relief efforts in the crippled country. A year later, one third of that went unaccounted for.

Taxes were not filed and a large sum of the money went to a firm that by many accounts does not even exist.

Another organization popular with the Internet generation and America's teens, To Write Love on Her Arms, a non-profit set up to support people struggling with addiction, depression, self injury and

suicidal tendencies, appears to be doing important work until you read the fine print. Instead of actually doing any actual treatment, recovery or counseling work, TWLOHA simply collects its overhead costs and re-donates to actual causes that do actual work.

Their financials page tells the full story. After raking in an impressive \$1.5 million last year, only 22 percent of the money collected went to "treatment and recovery," a fancy term for redistributing funds to a select eight charities.

You may have clicked the "share" button, but social activism does not stop there. Awareness solves problems the way a Facebook status stops Kony, or a pink ribbon cures cancer. It doesn't.

Awareness is step one, but it is not the solution. That would mean if a person gave \$10, TWLOHA would keep \$7.70 and reallocate \$2.20 to an organization such as The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, which has its own financial overhead of 15.4 percent, leaving only \$1.87 left for the actual cause. One would be much better off skipping the middleman and giving directly to an actual hardworking charity.

While Jean and TWLOHA may be well-intentioned, they are perfect examples of how a non-profit can easily set itself up for unethical practices or lack the organization to make a true financial impact on the actual cause. In the end, following the flow of money will always lead to the truth.

Which is why Invisible Children is worthy of a second, or even third glance. One of the harsher critiques Invisible Children faces at the moment comes from their clearly outlined financial statements, showing that only 37 percent of the organization's income went to projects in the field. This is an obvious red flag, and kudos to those who discovered it by doing their own research into Invisible Children's financial structures.

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However, let's continue to follow the money a layer deeper.

Over 16 percent of their revenue went to management and staff salaries. It's not exactly a terrible overhead rate, but with an almost entirely volunteer staff stateside, and three CEOs that make well under the average non-profit CEO income level as reported by Charity Navigator, you have to wonder where that money is going.

And with some digging, that's where you'll find it.

Ninety-five percent of Invisible Children's staff in the field is primarily central Africans given jobs, means of income and a way to support their family, whether it is through building schools, teaching, mentoring, operating their innovative early warning radio network or manufacturing bags and bracelets, which have their own costs under "awareness products."

Additional expenses, like travel and transportation, have also come under fire, despite the fact that Invisible Children budgets for over 3,000 free screenings of their documentary at schools all over the country, such as SU on May 1, as well as provides the transportation of construction materials or goods manufactured by their programs in Africa in areas with little to no infrastructure.

When you follow the money, you will find the truth, and with digging I believe Invisible Children adds up in the way it claims to. Don't take my word for it though; many other criticisms are addressed on the critiques page of the organization's website.

However, that only covers Invisible Children's responsibility. The rest is yours.

The success of the Kony 2012 campaign will never be measured by the fall of the LRA, but rather by the number of people it inspired to act and speak out for justice. Not just today, but a month from now, or a year from now.

You may have clicked the "share" button, but social activism does not stop there. Awareness solves problems the way a Facebook status stops Kony, or a pink ribbon cures cancer. It doesn't.

Awareness is step one, but it is not the solution.

Today, the documentary is sowing the seeds of future action in those who care. Facebook may have told you to care about the thousands of children in the LRA today, but where will you be when thousands of children die today alone from a lack of clean drinking water? Or when the next humanitarian crisis happens?

Will you still care then? More importantly, will you act?

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In vitro vs. natural conception: The people are the same



BY AJIA ALLEN
Staff Writer

Giving birth is a joy most women look forward to experiencing at least once in their lives. Many women, however, face problems of infertility and choose

options other than natural conception. One procedure that is still being advanced is in vitro fertilization. The process continues to stir controversy within our society.

In vitro fertilization entails the fertilization of a woman's egg by a sperm cell outside of the body, usually inside of a Petri dish or test tube. Fertilizing is controlled by laboratory scientists.

Once the process is proven successful, the zygote is placed back into the uterus through an embryo transfer.

Though the natural process of conception is arguably the most fun, women have varying internal complications that may prohibit

conception from naturally occurring. Why then would a procedure such as in vitro fertilization not be sought after?

The innovative concept of in vitro fertilization is spurred by the advancement in new age technology. There are so many differing perspectives affecting the process that constant changes are bound to keep happening.

Controversial bills regarding the procedure have recently been introduced in the House of Representatives stating donor specifications. New, less expensive forms of the procedure are also being developed and implemented for today's women as well.

Religious and ethical values come into play, as typically seen with most controversial issues. A child conceived outside of the body, left at the mercy of scientists' ability, mirrors concepts of human-controlled creationism.

Some believe the artificial creation of a living being is a sufficient enough reason to negatively categorize the procedure. That notion is as ridiculous as modern day racism.

Once the child has successfully been born, the origin or way of conception should make zero difference. The newborn is simply a new addition to the human race and should be respected as such.

Ridicule and judgment toward the parents would just show lack of open-mindedness by outsiders. As long as ethical practices are considered and abided by, in vitro fertilization can gradually become widely accepted among women of older age and those suffering from infertility.

All living beings hold importance. Breathing and developing similarly, living things share a common bond of simultaneous existence.

When does society have the right to assign different levels of importance between one individual to the next?

GULL LIFE

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Outdoor class: Kayaking for credit



Professor William Nelson photo

Students pass around cultural artifacts of the Nanticoke Tribe as presented by Odette Wright.

BY KATELYN DRAPER
Staff Writer

Last summer, Environmental Studies Professor William Nelson and History Professor Thomas Horton took students on a five-week course exploring the open waters of the Delmarva Peninsula, engaging with local artists, politicians, park rangers and American Indians. "We want to immerse the students in the different worlds of the bay," Nelson said.

Nelson and Horton will host the second "Exploring Delmarva- A Water's Eye View" kayaking class this summer.

The ten students "lived by the rise and fall of the sun," said environmental studies major Amy Bennett, who participated in the course last year. The kayakers began each day at sunrise with a quick breakfast while packing up camp, loading the kayaks and heading out to learn from a

speaker at lunch.

The speakers not only had a rich background in and a passion for the local environment, but they lived off the land and water. Thomas Nordhoff, a waterman on the upper peninsula, brought the students alongside his average day catching snapping turtles.

"The class was really based around the culture, natural environment and essence that makes up the Chesapeake Bay," said junior environmental studies major Victoria Bauer.

Bauer will be returning this summer as a student helper.

Students witnessed firsthand the issues that the different locations experience by studying nets, boats, wildlife and pollutants.

On one particular day, the students harvested the fading eelgrass of the Virginia Barrier Islands. Bennett said she felt like they were making a difference as they jumped into the water with Bo Lusk from the Virginia Coast Reserve Nature Conservancy and said it was a highlight of the trip.

"This class helped me discover that I have found a home in the Chesapeake Bay."

- Student Amy Bennett

At the end of a long day, the students set up camp at a park, riverfront or even an island with hopes that high tide wouldn't overtake their campsite. The group would discuss the day over a soft crab sandwich cooked over the campfire. Students would have down time

during the day to dive into weekly readings and write in journals about their experiences, sometimes presenting them at dinner. The journal entries were combined into a final presentation during the fifth week.

With a 360-degree view of nature, no cell phones and vast miles of open water, the students learned things simply as a people.

"This class helped me discover that I have found a home in the Chesapeake Bay," Bennett said. "I can feel a connection to the land different to that which I feel to my home state."

Whether it was finding confidence in a major, a desire to make the world a better place or even a new home, students came back to Salisbury University very much changed. Students of all majors can apply for the course, which fulfills Environmental 460 and 495. Dates and costs are yet to be determined for this year.

New technologies 'kindle' a modern education

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
Gull Life Editor

A textbook can weigh up to five pounds, and when students load up their backpacks for the day, the weight can add up quickly.

However, this isn't a problem for Salisbury University junior and English literature major Camille St.

Regis, who uses her Amazon Kindle to hold all her school books.

"I loved the idea of having everything I need to read for my classes in one compact device," she said. "No more backaches."

St. Regis is one of approximately 800 SU students who own an e-reader device.

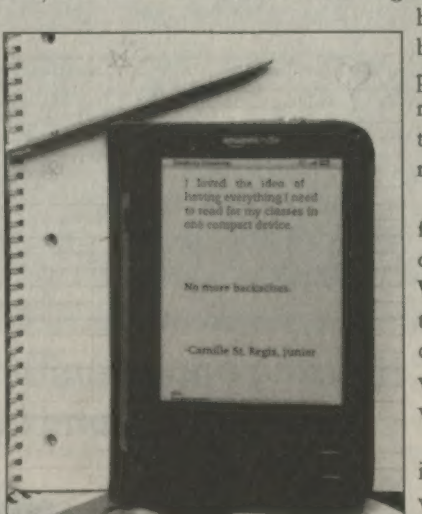
E-readers and tablets are becoming increasingly popular inside and outside the classroom.

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However, despite the flow of new technology, many still prefer the simplicity of pencils and paper. St. Regis said that using a Kindle can be "annoying" at times, noting problems such as battery life, slowness and the inability to take notes or highlight parts of the text. She noted that she generally reads actual physical books outside of class.

Abelman said that technology has its advantages in convenience, but that it cannot replace the feel of an actual book.

"There's something about having a real book where you can turn the pages and be able to write in," she said. "As amazing as tablets are, it's not quite the same on a screen."



Amanda Biederman photo

CLUB Spotlight

Star Net

BY JAMES TOWNSEND
News Editor

If one thing is for sure, Star Net is not just a student organization, it's a community.

Every Friday at four, aficionados of all things nerdy descend on Fire-side Lounge to plan out some of the most elaborate weekend plans any club has ever seen, whether it's getting together to watch their favorite anime and sci-fi shows, or play video, roleplaying and trading card games. And they do this every week.

"Star Net is for nerds to get together and be nerdy," said senior John de Groot. "If you're into something that is odd or uncool elsewhere, chances are it's probably pretty cool here."

For the uninitiated, dropping in on a Star Net meeting and hearing the words "Adventurers," "Commoners," or "Magic the Gathering" might sound like they're planning some epic battle or escapade... But that's because they are.

Across campus every weekend, there is a band of warriors fighting, artisans creating and explorers wandering. Step into one of Star Net's many roleplaying games, and you are transported to a new world.

Whether it's a staff, or bow, sword or hammer you wish to bare, the choice is yours alone. Everyone chooses who they want to be in this fantasy world, from wizard to bee keeper, and you don't even have to leave Guerrieri University Center.

"Commoners" is a game of de Groot's own invention, involving the lives of a modest band of explorers building a new society on a newly discovered island, played to the rules of Dungeons and Dragons. He describes the experience as social roleplaying, without all the intensity of traditional D&D game play.

"We're really not too serious about it. There are some pretty serious D&D players, but that's not really us," said Anna Ophelia, member of Star Net. "We definitely enjoy the more fun, creative side of it all."

And creative it is. They've mapped out the town they've built together; they have a history, an economy, and

customs. They throw themselves feasts and parties.

Star Net is not just a community, it's a subculture.

Although they may often escape into the world of their own creation, life off the island is not much different. They're all great friends; they eat at commons together, taking up multiple tables when they go, not unlike the feast they may have imagined in a virtual world, laughing and talking about the things that they love.

"I can't tell you how many people come here being really shy, and by the end of the day completely open up," de Groot said. "They hear someone talk about something that they really love, and realize, 'I am one of you,' because you instantly have something in common and we accept you for it."

Star Net is one of the few clubs on campus that truly inspire you to open up and be yourself, be creative and have fun. It's a place where uncool is the new cool, and the nerds have inherited the earth.

Star Net is not just a sub-culture, it's a way of life.

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner The Bistro 4:30-7:30 p.m.	Sunday, 3/18 Campus closed for Spring Break
Thursday, 3/15 Intent Deadline for SUSRC	Monday, 3/19 Campus closed for Spring Break

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Students intern at Disney, happiest place on earth

BY ALEX ROULAC
Staff writer

Disney World is considered one of the happiest places on earth. So what better way to earn college credit and get paid than doing an internship with Disney?

The Disney College Program allows college students to work at either Walt Disney World or Disneyland and take classes based on their professional interests.

"Disney World is one of my favorite places to visit," said junior and theatre major Danielle Sampson. "When I discovered there was an opportunity to live there and work with one of the best companies in the world, I seized the chance."

Sampson worked the internship last August through January at Disney's Magic Kingdom as what she called Mickey Mouse's personal dresser.

"Before his shows I would help him get ready and make sure that his attire was show ready," Sampson said.

She also helped other Disney characters get ready for shows and took a course about the growth of the company in the entertainment industry.

Senior and communication arts major Lonie Liebzig did the internship from January through May of 2008 after seeing fliers at the community college she attended in Mississippi. She said she wanted to be some-

where other than home and loved the idea of being paid to work at Disney World.

Liebzig did not have the time to take the classes offered with the program due to her busy work schedule at the Liberty Inn Restaurant at EPCOT theme park.

"I expected to get a bit more in terms of finding out how to get a job in the company after graduation because that's what they really pushed at the interest meeting," Liebzig said.

Sampson was able to participate during the filming of the Disney's Christmas Parade hosted by Mario Lopez and see other celebrities.

"Describing my experiences there is extremely difficult because you can't put into words the type of magic that was created whenever I was in the parks," Sampson said.

Junior and communication arts major Kelsey Hovermale plans to do the internship this September through January.

"I'm expecting to be overworked and exhausted as it is busy year-round," Hovermale said. "But I am beyond excited for the rewards that come with it."

Both Liebzig and Sampson recommend other students to participate in the internship.

"Just don't expect that you'll have a lot of free time and go there ready to work very hard," Liebzig said.



Photo courtesy of Danielle Sampson

Danielle Sampson poses with characters for a group shot at the Move it! Shake it! Celebrate it! Street Party in the Magic Kingdom.

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LAX

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Washington and Lee were able to retaliate when sophomore attack Katie Hagan put the Generals on the scoreboard. However, it was not enough as the SU defense tightened up and the offense piled on the goals.

The dominating play resulted in a SU advantage of 9-1 at halftime. The Sea Gulls started the second half much like the first as Feusahrens found senior mid-fielder Allie Wheatley in the middle who connected for a goal just over a minute into the half. Wheatley ended the game with five goals.

The story of the second half was the play of sophomore goalie Ashton Wheatley, who notched a career high 11 saves. The few times that the Washington and Lee attack was able to create scoring opportunities, Wheatley stepped up with impressive saves.

"It comes down to my defense making it really easy for me," Wheatley said.

The Sea Gulls were crisp on both sides of the field as they overpowered the Generals, ending the game with a final score of 19-3.

This was the second big win of the week for Salisbury as they defeated No. 3 Cortland State Wednesday in a tight game.

"We need to balance some things out offensively and work on playing more bodies defensively," said Head Coach Jim Nestor. "These wins give us a lot of confidence as we get into conference play."

It will be interesting to see how they respond after defeating two national powerhouses next Thursday as they travel to play conference foe Mary Washington.

Next home game:
Saturday March 17 against Elizabethtown at 1 p.m. at the Sea Gull Stadium.

Athlete Spotlight



Justin Odendhal photo

Chris Barnard

What's next for Peyton Manning?

BY CHRISTIAN FAZZANI & SHANE BELLINGHAM
Staff Writers

After 14 seasons, four M.V.P. awards, 11 Pro Bowls and a Lombardi Trophy, Peyton Manning was cut from the Indianapolis Colts.

The decision was made on Tuesday to withhold Manning's \$28M bonus. Whether it was because of health concerns or because Andrew Luck was available for the Colts to pick first overall in the upcoming draft, it didn't matter, Peyton Manning has now been labeled as the most highly touted free agent in NFL history.

The Colts held a press conference on Wednesday to announce the league-altering decision, and it was clear both parties did not want the Peyton Manning era to end in Indianapolis.

Manning's tearful goodbye to the Colts perfectly sums up his time in Indianapolis. His compassionate nature towards the team, fans and ownership, as well as his ability to maintain his composure while in the spot light on and off the field, make him arguably the most beloved Colts player in franchise history.

"Most of all, I want to thank the fans," Manning said. "I truly have enjoyed being your quarterback."

Drafted by the Colts, Manning has never experienced the free agency. Through his performance on the field, it was never a thought that Manning would be seen playing in anything but the Colts white and blue.

But now that the reality of the situation has settled, more than a half-dozen teams have lined up to express their interest. The Jets, Dolphins, Seahawks, Browns, Cardinals are the teams expected to court the four time

you do to prepare for it?

"It was a very good feeling winning. I prepared for it with endurance building training throughout the winter with specialized drills."

What is your key focus when running a distance race?

"Getting to the point where I don't have to run anymore and endurance training kicks in."

What is your major and what do you plan to do with your degree?

"My major is psychology, but I am currently working on a master's degree in computer science."

What is the best advice you could give to a freshman runner who is new to SU?

"Just to stick with it. Running programs have a lot of freshman to start off with then some fall off. It is nice to see people stick around till senior year."

What goals do you feel you have accomplished this season so far?

"Having my personal best time in the 5K at our outdoor meet was a big goal I accomplished. I also got faster in the steeplechase."

M.V.P.

But will these teams get the same Peyton Manning they have grown accustomed to seeing?

Recovering from four neck surgeries that held him out of the 2010-11 season, many people have questioned whether or not Manning can still perform at such a high level.

On the hand, Manning said he is healthy, working out and is as strong as he has ever been.

"I'm throwing the ball well and getting stronger by the day," Manning said. "I'm just going to continue to work out and get better."

Evidence suggests Manning will end up on an A.E.C. team. Coaches and ex-teammates of Manning have said, knowing him, he would not want to play for the N.F.C., leaving the Jets, Browns, Broncos and Dolphins a shot of landing Manning. Miami seems to be ahead of the pack.

Manning has a house in Florida and has been working out with ex-teammate and former Miami Hurricane Reggie Wayne in Miami. Wayne has come out publicly and told the media he would be willing to work out a package deal that would land him and Manning in Miami.

Along with these clues and the Dolphins ample cap room, they seem poised to make Manning an attractive offer. But even Manning admits he has no clue where he will end up this upcoming season.

"This whole process is new to me," Manning said. "I haven't even thought about who I am going to play for." The question of if Manning will be the same 11-time Pro Bowler he was in Indianapolis remains on the minds of sports fans everywhere.

SU fell in the second game of

Baseball beats Frostburg, 11-2



Justin Odendhal photo

Junior first baseman Hank Adams catches a ball to throw out a Frostburg University player leading off of first base during the second game of the doubleheader last weekend.

BY PATRICK DRENGWITZ
Sports Editor

In Salisbury University's fourth doubleheader of the year, the men's baseball team was able to pick up an easy first game against Frostburg State University 11-2, but the momentum did not seem to carry over to the second, as the Bobcats evened up on the Sea Gulls with a 7-0 victory.

"We just came out flat (in the second game)," said sophomore third baseman Quinn Griffith. "We have had trouble putting two games together this season, and we just weren't hitting the ball."

The Sea Gull's first game was highlighted by a nine-run fourth in-

ning that included three straight doubles and then three more hits, all of which drove in runs.

Sophomore left fielder Joey Jones kicked off the hitting spree with a double to left field, followed by a double from senior catcher Tyler Bennett that drove in Jones and another double from senior designated hitter Connor to bring Bennett home. Sophomore second baseman Johnny Schlotz, shortstop Ken O'Neill and Griffith also had hits for RBI's in the inning, with Griffith and O'Neill's knocking in two runs apiece.

Frostburg created a spark in the fifth with two runs, but SU's lead was too great, especially after junior pitcher Matt Beck hammered a two-

run homer, the first of his first career, in the sixth inning.

Senior pitcher Devin Gardner earned the win for SU, holding the Bobcats to just the two runs in the fifth while striking out four.

It might have been the new Bobcat pitcher or it might have been the lack of focus several Sea Gulls alluded to, but whatever it was, it hindered SU from performing in the day's second contest.

"We came out thinking the same thing would happen again, but they did pitch well," Bennett said. "We keep doing that in the second game of a double-header. We just can't seem to stay focused for both games."

The Sea Gulls were held to just

two hits in seven innings while the Bobcats knocked in two runs in each of the last three innings to end the game with a 7-0 win.

"The first game, we threw well, and they (Frostburg) didn't make many plays," said Head Coach Doug Fleetwood. "In the second game, we didn't put the ball in play, and we struck out eight times."

It was a bittersweet day for the Sea Gulls that was clearly forgotten the next day when the offense reignited with 17 hits to defeat Frostburg in the third game of the weekend series 16-4.

The ball club, now 11-3 overall and 4-2 in the Capital Athletic Conference, will play next when it hosts Albertus Magnus on Friday at 2 p.m.

Brittingham pitches 2nd consecutive no-hitter as softball splits doubleheader in 2nd day of Sea Gull classic

BY MARK ECKARD
Staff Writer

After pitching a no-hitter Friday in the Sea Gulls' 6-0 victory over Susquehanna, Erika Brittingham did it again Saturday in a 4-0 victory over D' Youville, striking out ten and benefiting from some great defense behind her.

"This no-hitter is all for the defense," Brittingham said. "Casey (Zaino) made a great diving play to help preserve it in the seventh, and our offense scored some runs to support me."

Brittingham threw 101 pitches, 66 of which were strikes, and found herself in many long counts, issuing only three walks. "I just tried to move the ball more, and I knew if there was a walk, my defense would pick me up," Brittingham said.

Head Coach Margie Knight was pleased with her senior hurler's ability to control the game and keep the Spartan hitters off balance.

"(Erica) is going back to her bread and butter pitch, to what got her where she is now," Knight said. "She is getting in a groove, and that's important for us at this point."

Offensively, the Gulls were paced by solo home runs from catcher Michelle Gravidahl and right fielder Lindsay McCabe.

Left fielder Chelsea Brooks added a solo shot to right center in the sixth frame after a terrific battle with D' Youville pitcher Hannah Norton on which she fouled off several tough pitches. The round-tripper was the first hit of the year for Brooks.

SU fell in the second game of

the day 2-1 to Wilkes, despite receiving a 10 strikeout, three-hit performance from freshman pitcher Rachel Johnson and a two-hit day from junior centerfielder Sarah Alpaugh.

The Gulls got on the board in the top of the second on Hannah Mills' leadoff home run over the fence in left field.

"I got up in the count, and I said to myself that I was going to crush the next one," Mills said. "I got an inside pitch and took it over the left field fence."

Mills continued her hot hitting streak after connecting on two home runs and a double during the first day of the Sea Gull Classic Friday and contributing four RBI's. On Thursday against Lynchburg, she hit a grand slam to break open that game en route to a 9-0 SU victory.

The Sea Gulls collected only three hits in the nightcap and left five runners on base including pinch runner Molly Giglioli on second in the seventh.

"We were hitting some home runs today, but we had no one on base in those situations," Knight said. "We weren't able to string hits together. Wilkes' pitcher, (Laykin Hughes), kept us off balance and did a good job in changing speeds. It was like the ball was the size of the head of a needle instead of a beach ball."

Next home game:
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against Virginia Wesleyan
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*Softball vs. Va. Wesleyan at 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
*Men's Lacrosse @ Washington and Lee at 4 p.m.

Thursday - 3/15

*Women's Lacrosse @ Mary Washington at 4 p.m.

Friday - 3/16

*Track & Field vs. Wake Forest Invitational @ Winston-Salem, N.C. at TBA
*Softball vs. Grove City (Salisbury Invitational) at 1 p.m.
*Baseball vs. Albertus Magnus at 2 p.m.
*Softball vs. Capital (Salisbury Invitational) at 3 p.m.
*Men's Tennis @ Haverford at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday - 3/18

*Baseball @ Mary Washington at 12 p.m.

Saturday - 3/17

*Track & Field vs. Wake Forest Invitational @ Winston-Salem, N.C. at TBA
*Softball vs. Grove City (Salisbury Invitational) at 11 a.m.
*Baseball @ Mary Washington at 1 p.m.
*Women's Lacrosse vs. Elizabethtown at 1 p.m.
*Softball vs. TCNJ (Salisbury Invitational) at 3 p.m.
*Baseball @ Mary Washington at 3:30 p.m.

Monday - 3/19

*Women's Tennis vs. Trinity (Conn.) @ Claremont, Calif. at 3 p.m.
*Men's Tennis vs. Babson @ Claremont, Calif. at 3 p.m.

Sudoku Answer

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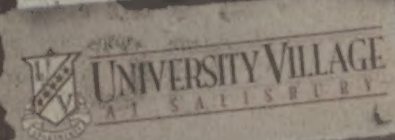


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